KPD Challenge Coins

HISTORY OF THE CHALLENGE COIN

During World War I, a lieutenant in a flying squadron ordered medallions made which had the squadron's emblem on them. He passed them out to all the members, and started the tradition of carrying his on his person at all times.

Shortly thereafter, the lieutenant was shot down and captured by Germans. They took all his possessions, except his coin, which he carried around his neck in a leather pouch. He was eventually able to escape, but had no identification. After his escape, he was able to make his way to a French outpost, but they thought he was the enemy and was there to sabotage their camp. As the French were about to execute the lieutenant, he remembered his coin and showed it to his captures.

One of the French officers recognized the emblem as that of an American flying squadron. Instead of executing him, they gave the lieutenant a bottle of wine. After this incident it became tradition to ensure all members carried their coin at all times. This was accomplished through a *challenge*. A challenger could ask to see someone's coin and if the challenged person could not produce it they had to buy the challenger a drink. If the challenged person did produce the coin, the challenger had to buy them a drink.

The 2008 KPD Challenge Coins is antique silver plated, with blue on the recessed metal. One side features the star from the center of the current badge. The star also matches the badges currently used by Civilian Employees. The other side features St. Michael, Patron Saint of Police Officers, carrying a fallen officer.

This is a limited time offer…. Get your's before they're gone!

Fill out order form below and return it with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
Kingman Police Department
Attn: Sydney Hart
2730 E. Andy Devine Ave.
Kingman, AZ 86401

Proceeds will benefit the KPD Employee Fund

2008 Challenge Coin Order Form

Cost:
- **$10.00 per coin**
- **Orders of 3 coins or more, the cost will be $8.00 per coin.**

Form of Payment (Check One):

Cash_____   Check _____

Ck# _____

Number being ordered: _____

Total Due: $_____